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**(U) WORLDWIDE: Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS)
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A. (U) Scope Note

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides info on piracy threats to, and criminal action against, merchant vessels worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

B. (U) Summary

1. (U) VIETNAM: On 2 December, a drifting container vessel experienced a boarding in vicinity of Norway Islands, Haiphong.
2. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 December, an anchored tanker conducting STS operations experienced a boarding at Nipah Anchorage.
3. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 November, an anchored tanker experienced a suspicious approach At Nipah Anchorage.
4. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 November, an anchored oil tanker experienced a boarding at Nipah Anchorage.
5. (U) GRAND CAYMAN: On 26 November, a moored yacht experienced a boarding and equipment theft at West Bay.
6. (U) KENYA: On 25 November, a berthed container ship was boarded at Mombasa Container Port.

7. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 November, an anchored general cargo ship experienced a boarding at Tanjung Priok Anchorage.

8. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 November, an anchored product tanker experienced a boarding at Belawan Anchorage.

3. (U) Counter-Piracy and Maritime Crime Announcements and Advisories

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for December 2013. Merchant vessels that wish to apply for JMSDF escort operation should visit http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MILT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932 Fax: +81-3-5253-1643 Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp. (MSCHOA)

B. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Korean Navy convoy schedule for December 2013. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at INMARSAT: 870-773-110-438, Email: rokcheonghae@gmail.com. (MSCHOA)

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Chinese Navy convoy schedule for December 2013. For further information, please e-mail planavy@navy.mil.cn, or call Tel: 00870-773121302 Fax: 00870-783121735. (MSCHOA)

D. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Indian Navy convoy escort schedule for December 2013. To register, email antipiracyescort@dgshipping.com or visit www.dgshipping.com. Telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22- 22613636. (MSCHOA)

4. (U) Details: Monthly Incidents by Region

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the last 30 days. Designation of a high-threat area is based on an assessment of all source information relating to the existence of, or potential for, piracy and other crime, terrorism, civil unrest, or low-intensity conflict. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event double-counting is detected, or an incident is later learned to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

A. (U) **NORTH AMERICA:** No current incidents to report.

B. (U) **CENTRAL AMERICA–CARIBBEAN – SOUTH AMERICA:**



Figure 1. Caribbean Maritime Crime Activity

1. (U) **GRAND CAYMAN:** On 26 November, robbers boarded a moored yacht near position 19:20 N – 081:21 W, West Bay, Grand Cayman and stole an outboard motor and navigation equipment. The incident was reported to local police. (Noonsite)

2. (U) **VENEZUELA:** On 13 November, a yacht experienced a boarding near position 10:48N – 061:59 W, approximately 5 nm north of Cabo San Francisco, near the Paria Peninsula. Five armed robbers in a pirogue approached and boarded the boat, pistol-whipped the Skipper and First Mate, damaged communications gear and stole a large amount of personal property before departing the vessel. Yacht and crew safely returned to Trinidad waters and alerted local Coast Guard personnel and were treated for injuries. (Noonsite)

3. (U) **GUADELOUPE:** On 10 November, a yacht experienced a boarding while anchored near position 16:13 N – 061:22 W, Saint Anne. Five robbers swam out to the anchored yacht and attempted to steal electronics and were surprised when the yacht Skipper returned aboard. The robbers dropped their gear and jumped into the water and swam away. (Noonsite)

C. (U) **ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA:** No current incidents to report.

D. (U) **NORTHERN EUROPE–BALTIC:** No current incidents to report.

E. (U) **MEDITERRANEAN–BLACK SEA:** No current incidents to report.

F. (U) WEST AFRICA:

1. (U) CONGO: On 24 November, an anchored offshore tug experienced a boarding near position 04:45 S - 011:49 E, Pointe Noire. The robber managed to board the tug, an alert duty watchman sighted the robber and alerted the duty officer who raised the alarm. On seeing the alerted crew the robber jumped overboard and escaped with ship's stores. All crew safe. (IMB)

2. (U) SIERRA LEONE: On 19 November, an anchored chemical tanker experienced a boarding near position 08:30 N - 013:11 W, Freetown Inner Anchorage. Five robbers armed with knives boarded the ship an anchored chemical tanker and stole ship's properties. The deck watchman was attacked and held hostage during the robbery. Incident reported to Port Authority who sent a team for investigation. (IMB)

G. (U) INDIAN OCEAN–EAST AFRICA:

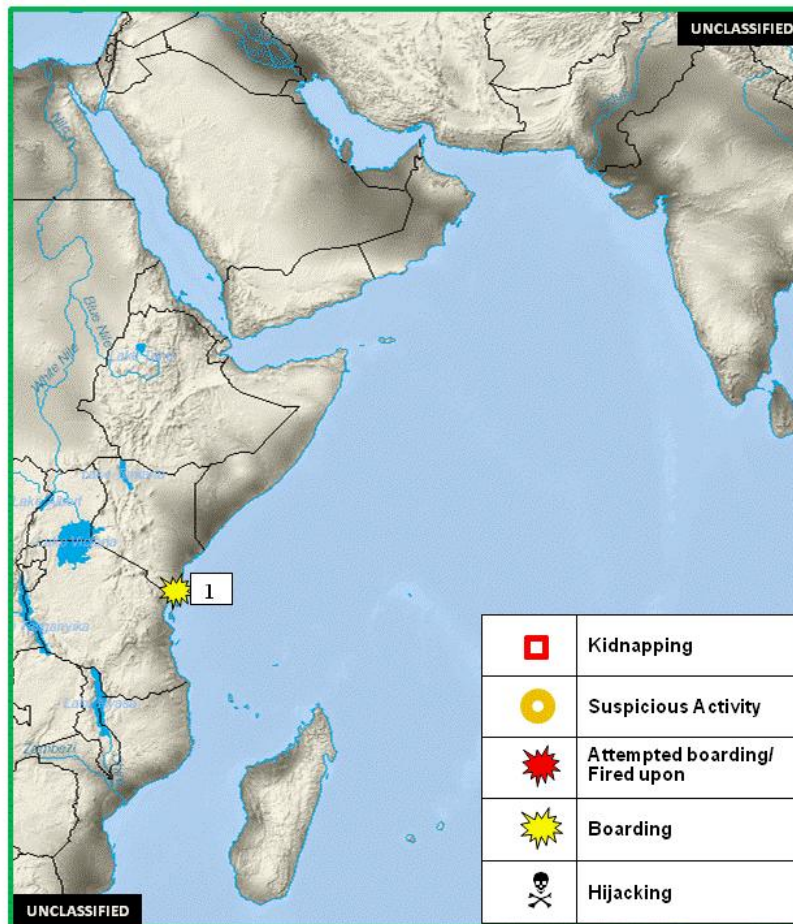


Figure 2. East Africa Maritime Crime Activity

1. (U) KENYA: On 25 November, robbers boarded a berthed container ship at position 04:04 S – 039:41 E, Mombasa Container Port and stole ship's stores. The theft was detected during routine rounds by the duty crew. (IMB)

2. (U) INDIA: On 21 November at approximately 0300 local time, an anchored crude oil tanker experienced a boarding near position 22:38 N - 069:53 E, Sikka Crude Oil Anchorage. Robbers boarded the ship through the hawse pipe, stole ship's stores, equipment and escaped unnoticed. Port Control was informed. (IMB)

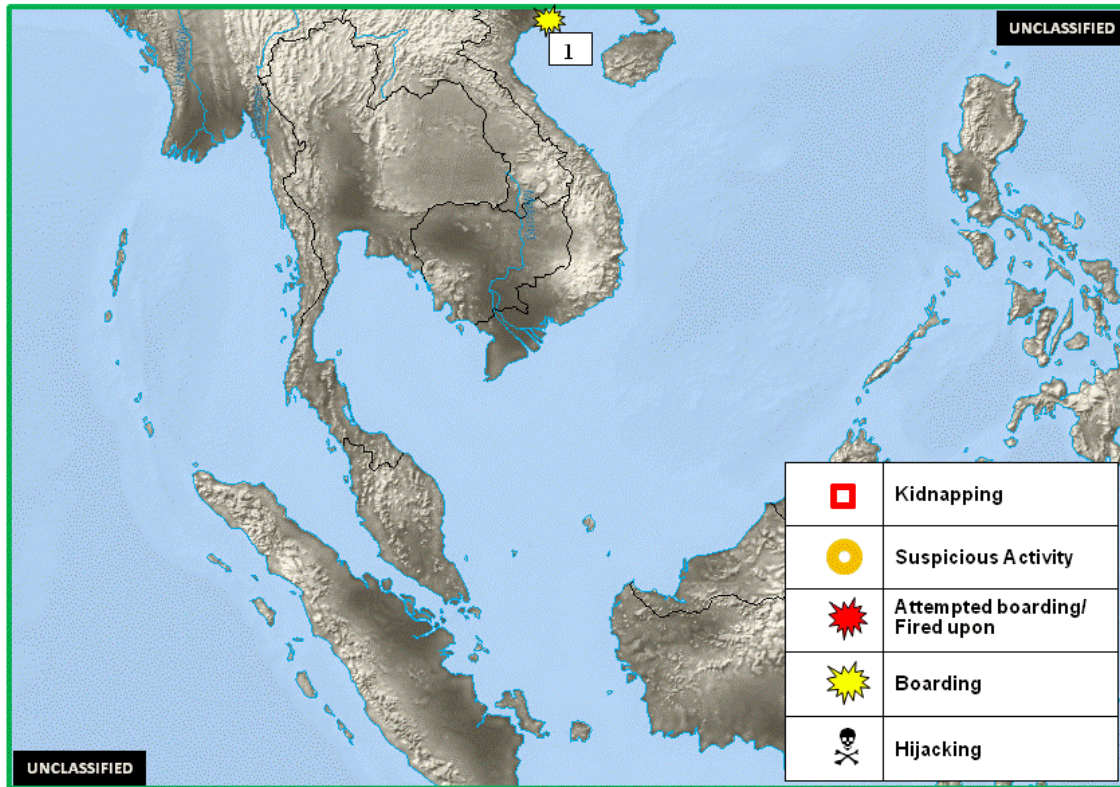
3. (U) INDIA: On 21 November at approximately 0240 local time, an anchored crude oil tanker experienced a boarding near position 22:39 N - 069:55 E, Sikka Crude Oil Anchorage. Eight robbers armed with knives boarded the ship. The duty officer immediately raised the alarm and alerted the crew. The robbers were observed throwing ship's property into their boat even after the alarm was raised. Seeing this, the Master made an announcement that the coast guard was on their way. Upon hearing the announcement, the robbers jumped overboard and escaped with the stolen ship's property. Port Authorities informed. (IMB)

4. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 11 November, the Denmark-flagged chemical tanker TORM KANSAS was attacked near position 07:19 S – 048:36 E, approximately 180 nm northwest of Providence Island, Seychelles. Up to six armed pirates approached the tanker in a skiff. Officer on watch raised the alarm and the armed security team on board fired flares followed by warning shots. The skiff closed to a distance of 200 meters and fired upon the tanker. Master increased speed, activated SSAS, sent distress message, fire hoses activated and the non-essential crew mustered in the citadel. The onboard security team exchanged fire with the pirates resulting in the skiff aborting the attack. (NATO Shipping Centre, IMB, marinelog.com)

5. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 6 November, a merchant vessel reported a pirate attack near position 05:40 S – 046:59 E, approximately 450 nm east-southeast of Mombasa, Kenya. The ship reported being attacked by five heavily armed pirates in one skiff, with the pirates reportedly exchanging gunfire with the ship's embarked security team. The alarm was raised as the attack started, and the ship increased speed, activated the fire pumps, and started evasive maneuvers. The pirates reportedly moved away from the ship after the embarked security team returned gunfire. Additionally, the NATO Shipping Centre posted a notice outlining an area of pirate attack group (PAG) activity on its Pirate Activity Map (PAM). The reported PAG activity is located to the north of the 6 November pirate attack. (NATO Shipping Centre)

H. (U) **PERSIAN GULF**: No current incidents to report.

I. (U) SOUTHEAST ASIA:

**Figure 3. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity**

1. (U) VIETNAM: On 2 December, robbers boarded a drifting container vessel near position 20:37 N – 107:10 E, near Norway Islands, Haiphong and stole ship's property. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. (IMB)

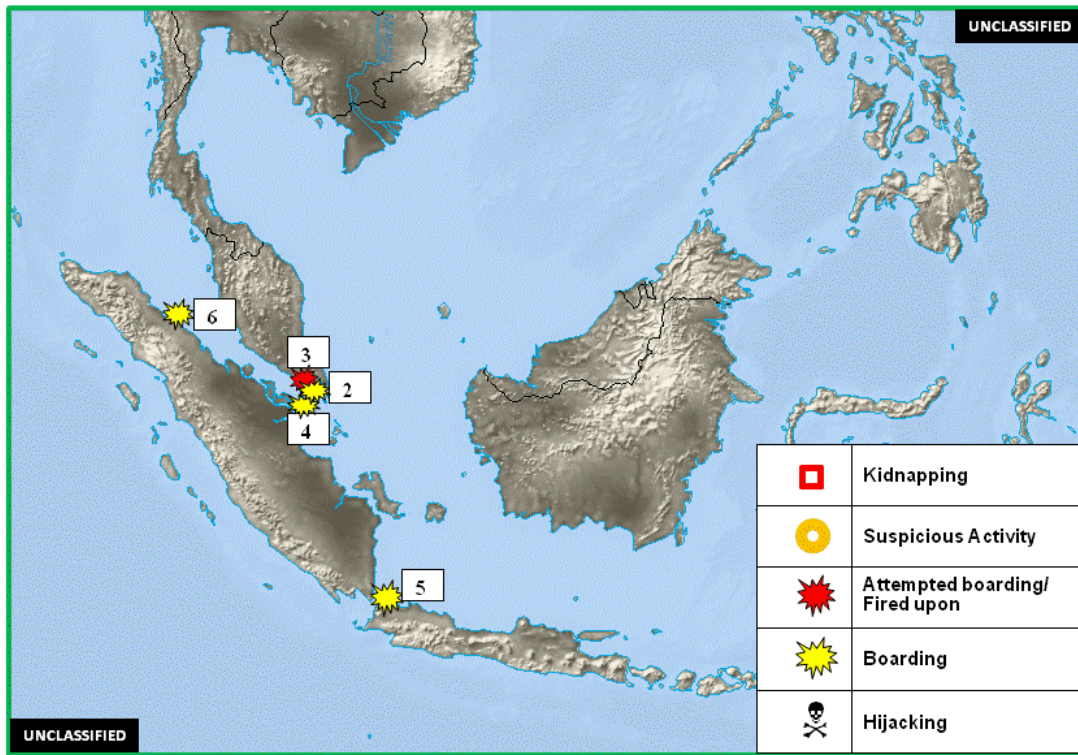


Figure 4. Southeast Asia Maritime Crime Activity

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 1 December, a robber armed with a knife boarded an anchored tanker conducting STS operations near position 01:06 N – 103:38 E, Nipah Anchorage. When the duty crewman saw the robber during routine rounds, he notified the duty officer who raised the alarm and mustered the crew. Upon seeing the crew response, the robber escaped empty handed in a wooden boat. (IMB)

3. (U) INDONESIA: On 29 November, the crew of an anchored tanker near position 01:06 N – 103:36 E, Nipah Anchorage noticed a speedboat approaching their vessel. The crew raised the alarm resulting in the speedboat departing the area. (IMB)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 27 November, three robbers with knives boarded an anchored oil tanker near position 01:06 N – 103:38 E, Nipah Anchorage. When the duty crewman on routine rounds spotted the robbers, he informed the duty officer who raised the alarm. Seeing the crew response, the robber escaped without stealing anything. (IMB)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 November, three robbers with knives boarded an anchored general cargo ship near position 05:59 S – 105:55 E, Tanjung Priok Anchorage. They entered the engine room through the boiler platform located on the poop deck. One of the robbers took the motor man hostage while the remaining two robbers stole engine spares. All three robbers escaped with the engine spares. Port authorities were informed. (IMB)

6. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 November, the duty officer on an anchored product tanker near position 03:54 N – 098:46 E, Belawan Anchorage noticed a small wooden boat near the vessel. The crew members subsequently searched the tanker and found a robber stealing ship stores. Upon seeing the crew, the robber jumped overboard and escaped. (IMB)

7. (U) INDONESIA: On 24 November, an anchored chemical tanker experienced an attempted boarding near position 01:42 N – 101:29 E, Dumai anchorage. Robbers attempted to board the vessel via the poop deck and were spotted by alert crew who raised the alarm and started the fire pump. On seeing the crew reaction, the robbers aborted the attempt and moved away. (IMB)

8. (U) INDONESIA: On 23 November, an anchored cargo ship experienced a boarding near position 03:55 N - 098:45 E, Belawan Anchorage. Duty officer on bridge noticed one robber escaping from the vessel. Upon investigation, the crew discovered that the robber had managed to get access to the forecastle store and had stolen ship equipment. (IMB)

9. (U) INDONESIA: On 22 November, an anchored product tanker experienced a boarding near position 01:41 N – 101:27 E, Dumai Port. The robbers boarded the ship unnoticed during cargo operations. They stole engine spare parts and escaped. The theft was noticed during routine rounds by the duty crew. (IMB)

10. (U) INDONESIA: On 14 November, seven robbers boarded an anchored tanker near position 01:23N - 104:42E approximately 12 nm northeast of Bintan Island. The duty oiler noticed the robbers during his routine rounds and informed the duty engineer who raised the alarm. Seeing the alerted crew the robbers escaped with ship's stores. All crew safe. (IMB)

11. (U) INDONESIA: On the night of 9 November, robbers boarded a yacht anchored near position 01:22 S – 109:20 E, Pontianak harbor, Kalimantan. The robbers stole outboard motors, a generator, fuel, dive gear and a large amount of electronics and navigation gear. Report filed with local police. (Noonsite)

12. (U) VIETNAM: On 8 November, three robbers in a skiff and armed with a gun and knives boarded a berthed LPG tanker at position 10:39 N – 107:01 E, Gas-PVC Phuc Thai Jetty. Alert crewmembers sounded the alarm and the crew mustered. Seeing the crew response, the robbers departed the vessel and escaped with ship's stores in their boat. Port control informed. (IMB)

13. (U) MALAYSIA: On 6 November, approximately 20 robbers boarded a barge being towed by a Singapore-registered tug near position 01:25 N – 104:23 E, approximately 1.6 nm north-northeast of Horsburgh Lighthouse. A Singapore Navy vessel was dispatched to the area. Upon seeing the approaching Naval vessel, the robbers disembarked the barge and departed the area. (IMO)

14. (U) INDONESIA: On 11 November, an anchored bulk carrier was boarded near position 03:40S – 114:26E, Taboneo Anchorage. The robbers boarded the ship unnoticed and broke into bosun storeroom and escaped with ship's stores and properties. The theft was noticed by the duty crew during routine rounds. (IMB)

15. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 November, an anchored bulk carrier was boarded near position 01:43S – 116:38E, Adang Bay Anchorage. The duty A/B found six robbers, armed with knives, and alerted the Duty Officer who raised the alarm resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. (IMB)

16. (U) MALAYSIA: On 7 November, an underway petroleum product tanker was boarded and hijacked near position 01:20N - 103:18E, 7.3nm west of Pulau Kukup. Five pirates armed with knives and guns boarded the ship and tied up all the crew members and held them hostage in one cabin. Later they ordered the Ship's Master to steer the ship to a pre designated position. Another unknown orange hulled tanker came alongside and the pirates forced the Ship's Master and the Ship's Bosun to operate the cargo pumps and valves and the mooring winches to transfer the oil into the unknown tanker. At around 1600 local time the pirates disembarked after transferring and stealing all the gas-oil. Before leaving, the pirates also stole crew personal belongings. (IMB)

17. (U) INDONESIA: On 4 November, an anchored chemical tanker experienced an attempted boarding near position 03:54 N - 098:46 E, Belawan Anchorage. Duty crew spotted one boat with robbers attempting to board the tanker via anchor chain but alert crew thwarted the boarding. A second boat was hidden near the propeller and the crew could not chase them away with fire hoses. The propeller was turned on resulting in the robbers moving away. The robbers were spotted with some stolen hull anodes in their boat. Port Control informed of the incident. (IMB).

J. (U) **NORTH ASIA:** No current incidents to report.

K. (U) **PACIFIC-ANTARCTIC OCEAN:** No current incidents to report.

5. (U) Appendix A: Further Contact Information and Resources

(U) This appendix provides contact information for the author of the WTS as well as other entities that can be contacted with maritime crime reports. It also lists other resources where the WTS is posted and where piracy and maritime crime incident information can be found.

(U) Contact

(U) Originator of this WTS report requests consumer feedback. Originator will incorporate all anti-shipping events and violence against the maritime industry into this weekly message where appropriate. To aid in our reporting, please add the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to your normal corporate and organizational reporting requirements. The 24-hour watch can be reached at +1 (301) 669-4053.

(U) Other Resources

(U) This Worldwide Threat to Shipping Report is posted at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Maritime Safety site: <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) also publishes a live piracy report based on reporting from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, listing all piracy and armed robbery

incidents in the last ten days: <http://www.icc-ccs.org/>. The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intel Portal: http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm

6. (U) Appendix B: Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. ONI welcomes comment and suggestions for addition or amendment.

(U) Terminology

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, the following have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities:

- (U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) **Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

(U) Sourcing

(U) ONI derives information in this report from direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources.

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News (BBC)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark (BIMCO)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)

- Fairplay (FP), London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- Latitude38.com (LAT), website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local media (LM)
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), US
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), US
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA), Northwood
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Shipping Center (NSC), Brussels
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL), website
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC), US
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters.com (Reuters), website
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Secure Anchorage Area West Africa (SAA)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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